American University Black Swing Voter Project

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ABOUT THE BLACK SWING VOTER SURVEY

- Total sample of N=1,215 African Americans, with an oversample of 593 under 30 years of age
- Sample drawn exclusively from 2020 battleground states:
 - The Rust Belt (Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin)
 - The Southeast Sun Belt (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina)
- Survey conducted online
- The sample was randomly drawn from large, representative, opt-in survey panels online
- The sample is weighted to the Black/African American population of adults in each state, and by gender, age, and education
- The survey was collected by the African American Research Collaborative
- Field Dates: July 1 to July 9, 2020
- Margin of Error: $\pm 2.8\%$ (full sample); $\pm 5\%$ (under 30) 6.9% (within states); $\pm 8\%$ (under 30 vote choice question)

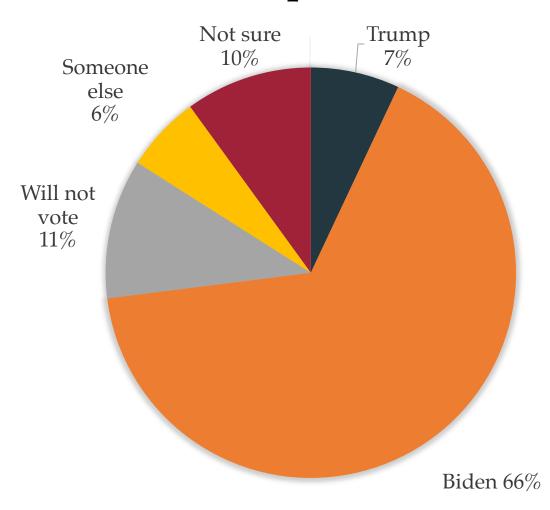
OVERVIEW

- Vote Choice/The Candidates
- Motivation to Vote
- Attitudes toward the Parties
- Attitudes toward the Political System, Elected Officials, Police, and the Criminal Justice System

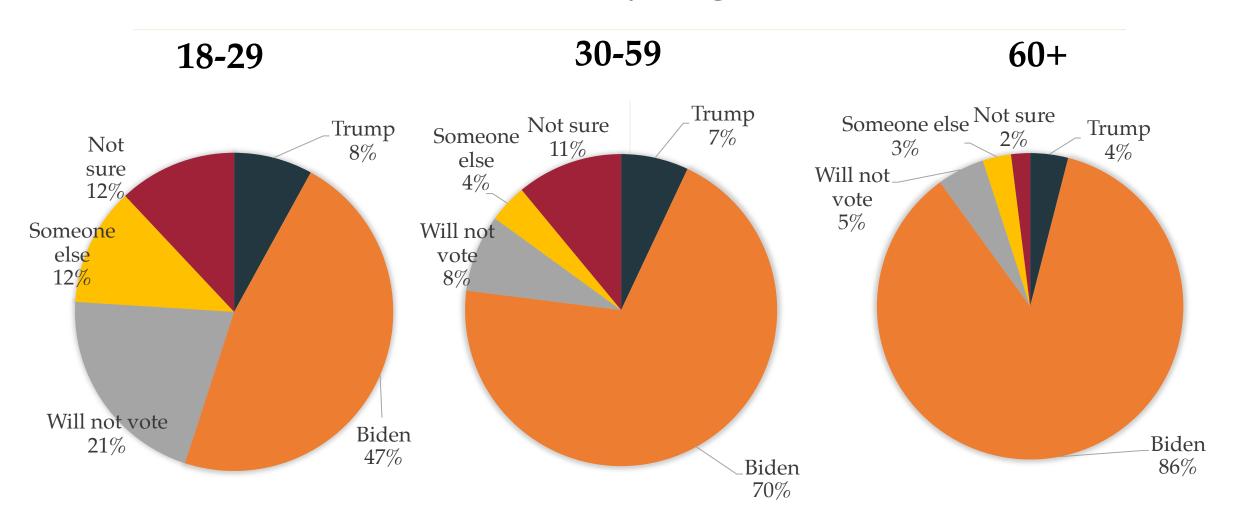


BIDEN v. TRUMP

All respondents

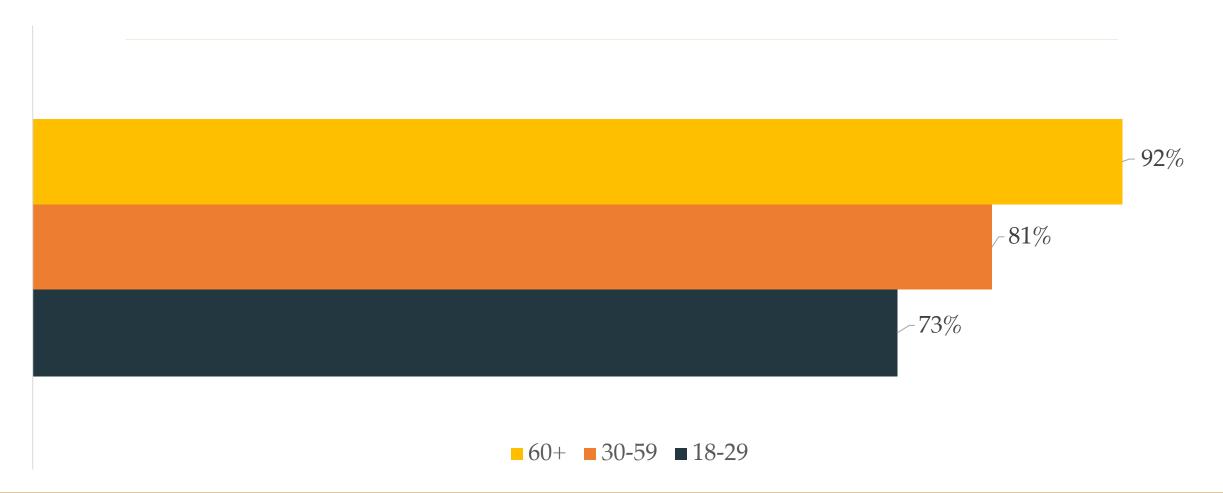


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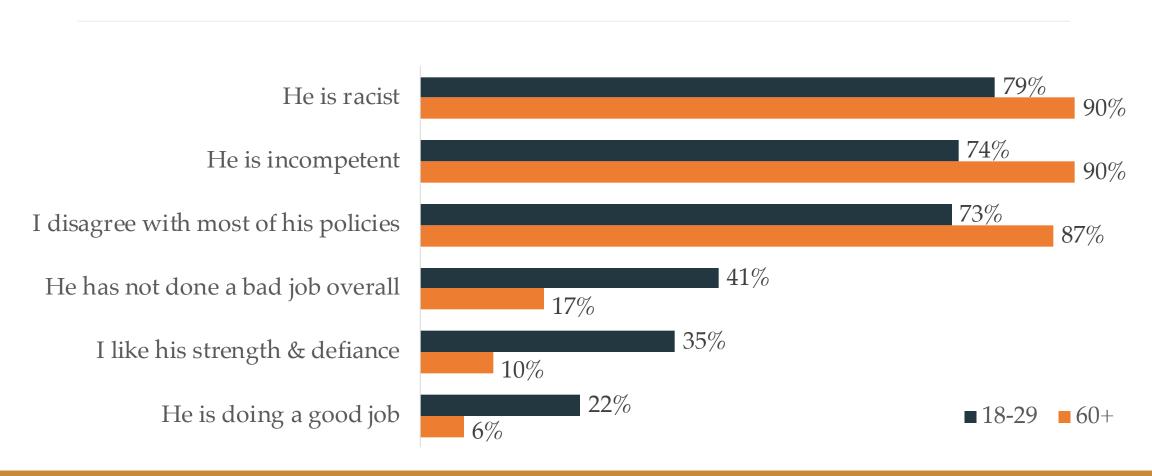
BIDEN'S VP PICK

Percentage of respondents who say they will vote for former Vice President Joe Biden, if he picks a Black woman as his running mate. Total figure boosted by some who said initially they didn't plan to vote for him.

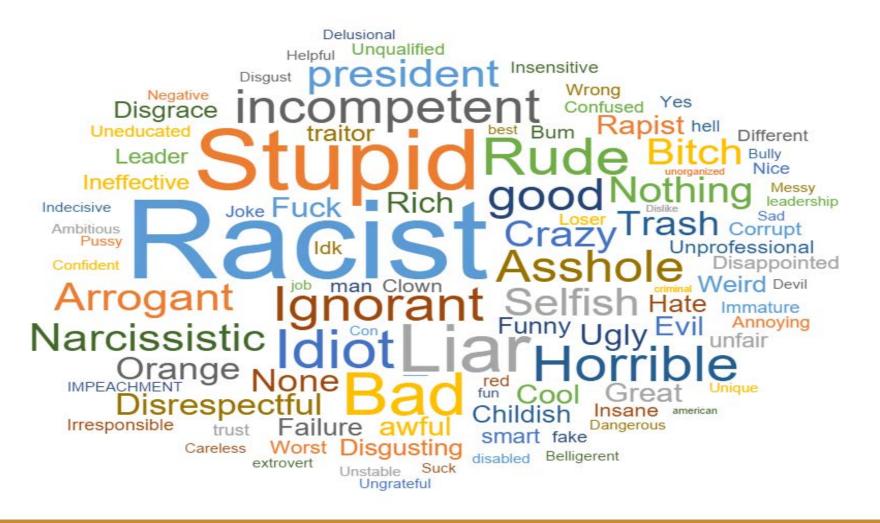


TRUMP EVALUATIONS

When it comes to your view of President Donald Trump, please indicate whether you believe the following statements are true or false? (% Total Agree)



WHEN THINKING ABOUT PRESIDENT TRUMP, WHAT ONE OR TWO WORDS COME TO MIND? (Full Sample)



WHEN THINKING ABOUT PRESIDENT TRUMP, WHAT ONE OR TWO WORDS COME TO MIND? (18-29)



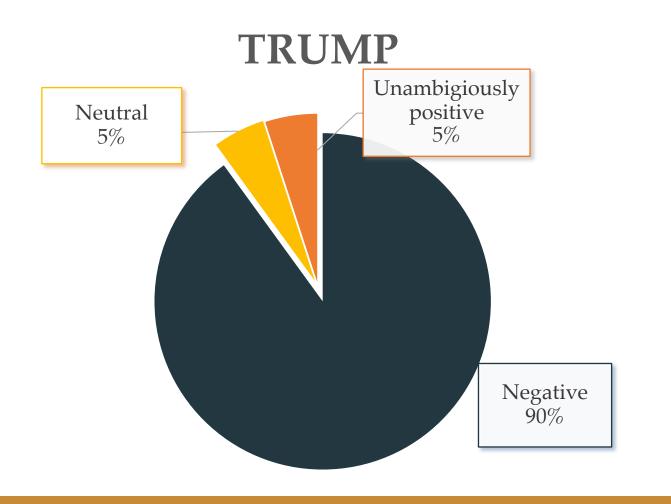
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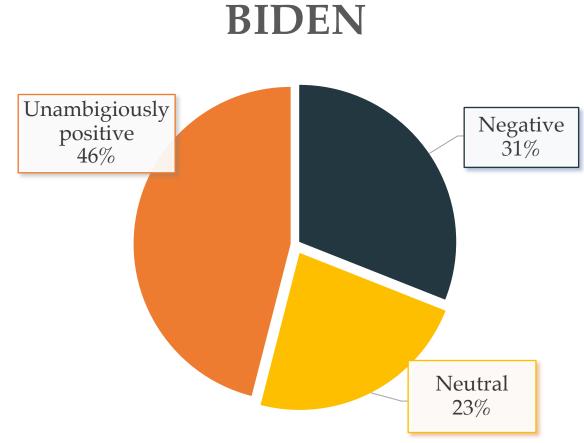


WHEN THINKING ABOUT VICE-PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, WHAT ONE OR TWO WORDS COME TO MIND? (18-29)



IN THEIR OWN WORDS: YOUNG BLACK AMERICANS DESCRIBE TRUMP & BIDEN









Craven Arms Connunity Centre
& Library
is changing its
Friday opening hours.
From the 3rd June 2016

CasCA

will be open from

9.00am - 5.00pm

Instead of 9.00am - 8.00pm

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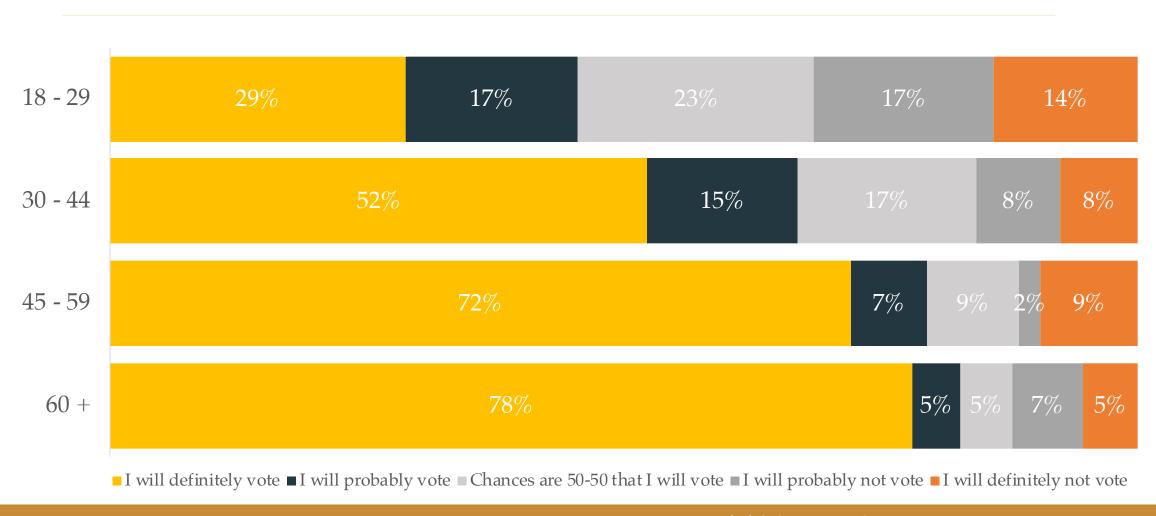
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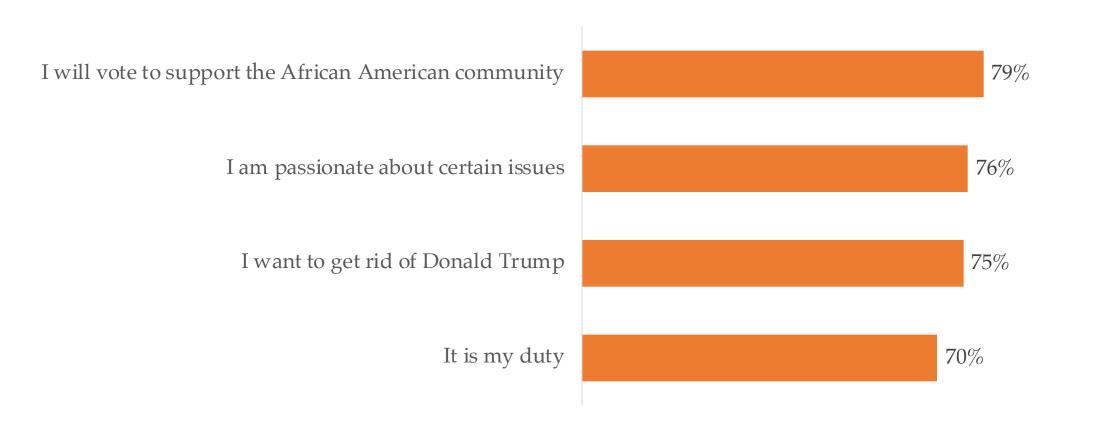
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CERTAINTY OF VOTING

Thinking ahead to the November election, how motivated are you to vote?



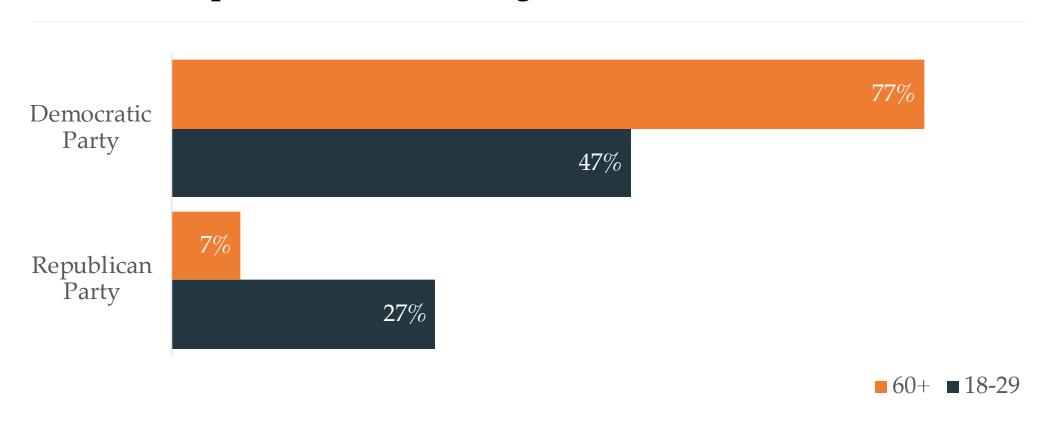
PERCENTAGE WHO AGREE WITH EACH OF THE STATEMENTS ABOUT VOTING (18-29)





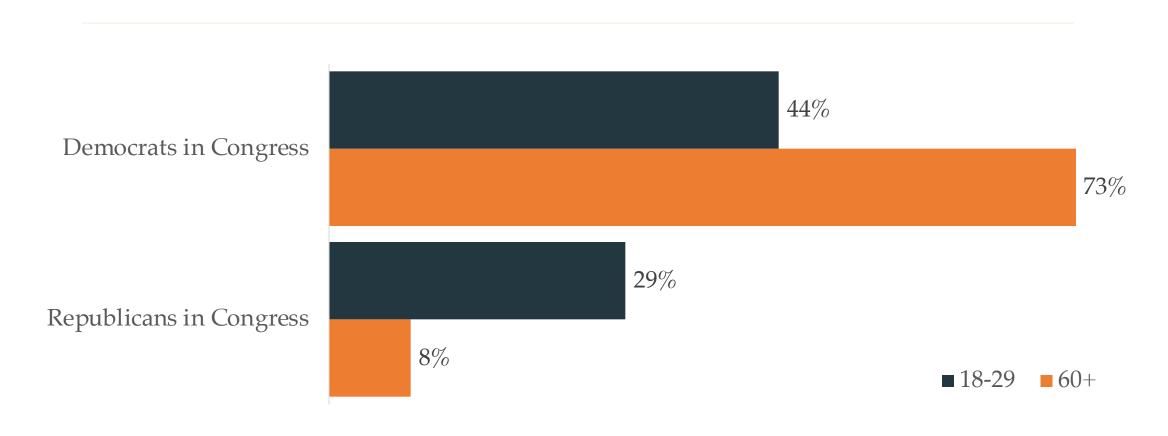
HOW WELCOMING ARE POLITICAL PARTIES?

Percentage of respondents who believe the Democratic and Republican parties are welcoming to African Americans.



WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

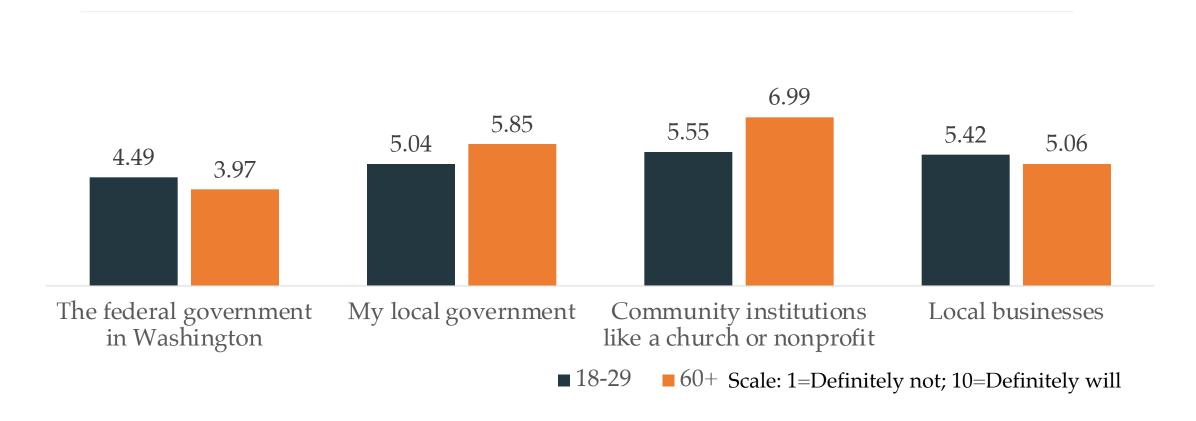
Percentage of respondents who trust Democrats and Republicans in Congress to do what is best for the Black community



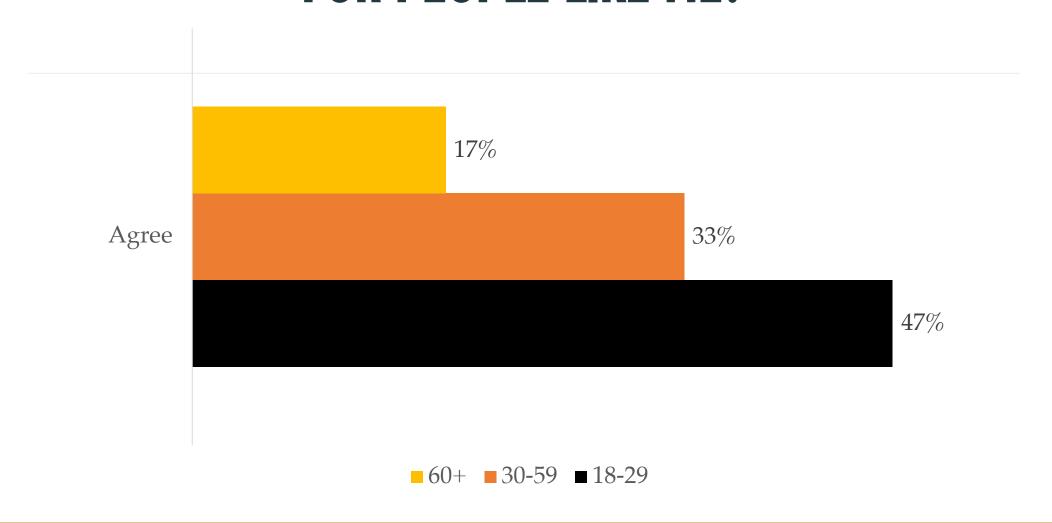


WHO WILL LOOK OUT FOR YOU?

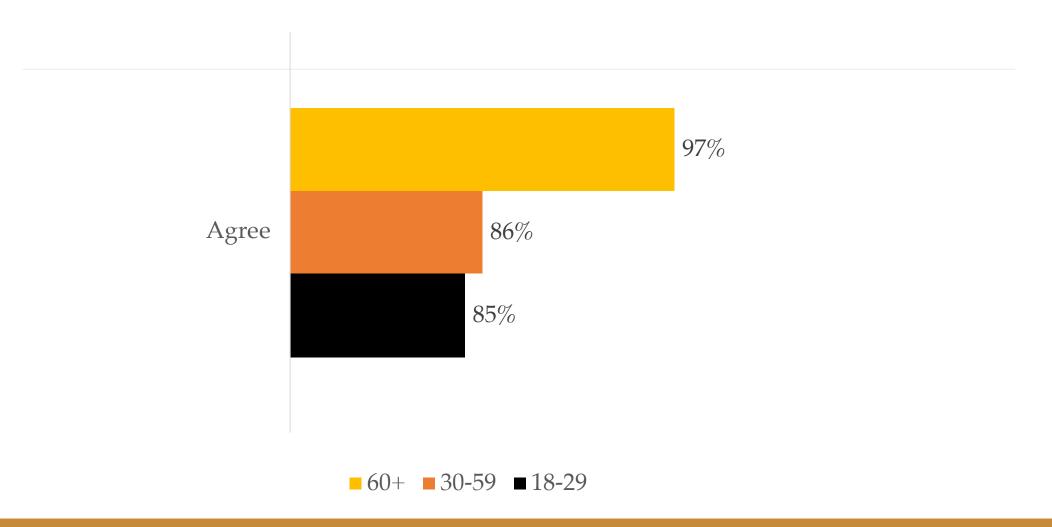
How much do you believe each of the following will look out for you in uncertain or difficult economic times? (Mean score, full sample, on a 10-point scale)



DO ELECTED LEADERS IN WASHINGTON LOOK OUT FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME?

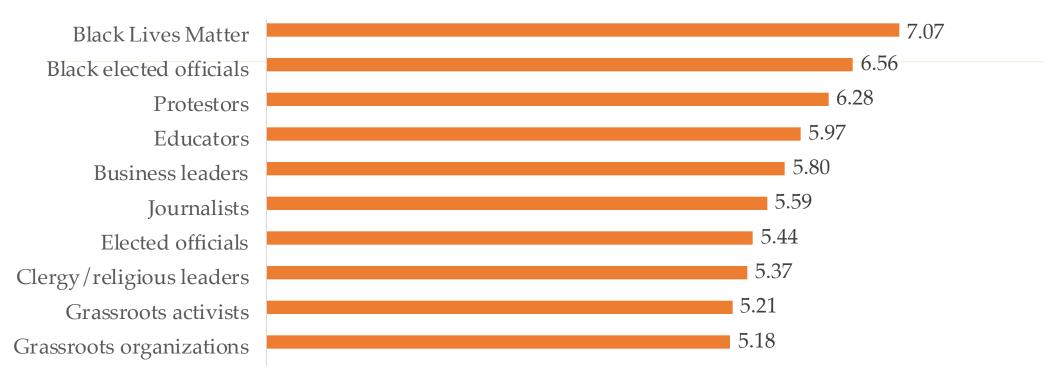


DO ELECTED LEADERS IN WASHINGTON LOOK OUT FOR THE WEALTHY AND WELL-CONNECTED?



WHO ARE EFFECTIVE CHANGE AGENTS?

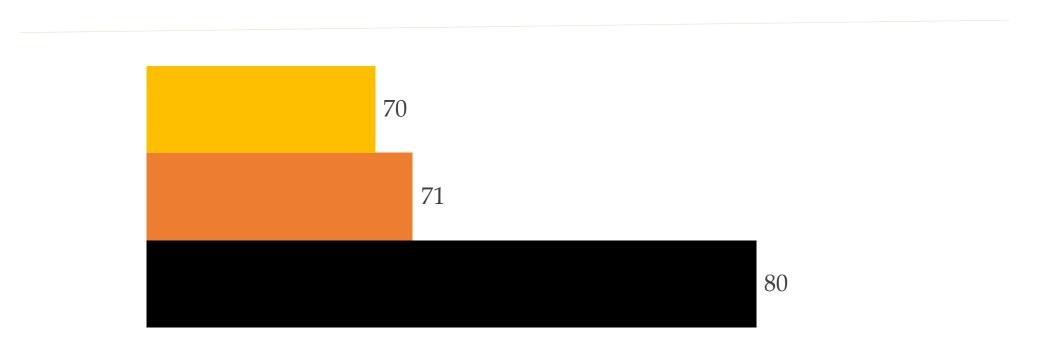
Let's say you wanted to change something in your city or local community, such as addressing police brutality or police practices that concern you. How effective do you think the following are in making sure that change takes place?



Mean score, 18-29 sample, On 10-point scale 1=Not at all effective; 10=Highly effective

EXPERIENCES WITH THE POLICE

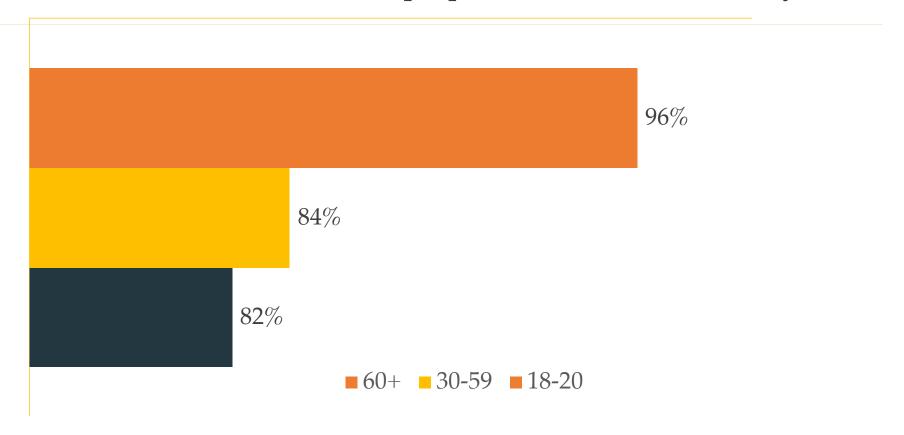
Do you fear that the police may harm you or people that you care about?



■60+ **■**30-59 **■**18-29

IS JUSTICE BLIND?

Some people say that the criminal justice system is generally fair to all people without regard to race, while others say that there is systemic racism in the criminal justice system such that Black/African American people are often treated unfairly.



WHEN THINKING ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER, WHAT ONE OR TWO WORDS COME TO MIND?



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